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## Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OF

# GROTON

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947**



*Annual Reports*  
*of the*  
Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,  
Road Agents, School Board and  
Other Officials  
*of the*

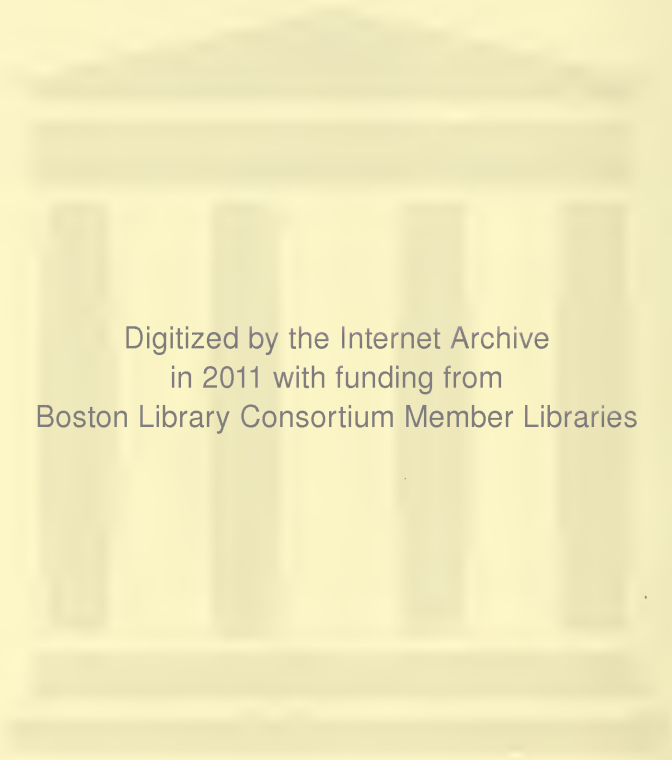
Town of Groton

*for the*

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947

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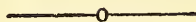


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# Town Officers for 1947

Moderator.....	Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk.....	Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen.....	S. E. Lane Floyd H. Colby. Charles F. Place
Road Agents.....	Perley Matthews, Chas. H Tarr
Snow Removal.....	Ernest Matthews
Treasurer.....	Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector.....	Annie M. Esty
Land Agents.....	Selectmen
Librarian.....	Agnes A. Lane
Police.....	Thomas Newton
Overseer of Poor.....	Thomas Newton
Health Officer.....	S. E. Lane
Auditors.....	Flora Matthews, Violet G. Parris
School Board, .....	Yvonne Stevens Annie Esty, Violet Parris
School District Clerk and Treasurer ..	Ileene A. Matthews
Trustees of Trust Funds....	Agnes A. Lane, Floyd H. Colby Orville G. Matthews
Library Trustees.....	Violet Parris, Ileene A. Matthews Flora Matthews
Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Bark & Fence Viewers .....	Thomas Newton, S. E. Lane
Janitor.....	Thomas Newton
Constable.....	S. E. Lane
Fire Warden.....	Thomas Newton
Deputy Wardens, .....	Lucien Parris, S. E. Lane Ernest E. Matthews, Floyd H. Colby

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town House in said Groton, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to accept the budget as printed and make appropriations for same.
4. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on property taxes paid on or before August first 1948.
5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer, any real estate acquired by tax collectors deeds.
7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42.00 for the purpose of publicising and promoting the natural advantage of the town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Association.
8. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$696.00 and the State will contribute \$1,392.00 for State Aid Construction on the Cheever Road.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 for blister rust control and make appropriation for same.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$30.00 to mow the town house yard and the Rolfe Hill Cemetery and make appropriation for same.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,250.00 to have the State tar and patch the road leading from Groton Corner to Butterfield's Bridge.

13. To see what action the Town will take towards buying new snow removal equipment and make appropriation to cover same.

14. And to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

SAMUEL E. LANE,  
FLOYD H. COLBY,  
CHARLES F. PLACE,

Selectmen of Groton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

SAMUEL E. LANE,  
FLOYD H. COLBY,  
CHARLES F. PLACE,

Selectmen of Groton



**BUDGET OF THE TOWN**  
**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the**  
**Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations**

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous 1947 Year	Actual Revenue Previous 1947 Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing 1948 Year
<b>FROM STATE:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	41.85	55.19	55.19
Savings Bank Tax	19.96	21.90	21.90
Reimbursement a-c State and Fed forest lands	18.79	50.85	31.24
For Fighting Forest Fires	50.00	378.67	100.00
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:</b>			
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	50.00	84.00	75.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	40.00	48.17	48.17
Income Highway Dept., inc. rentals	25.00	188.40	500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	94.92	139.04	139.04
Sale of Town Property	150.00	996.00	300.00
Cash Surplus	522.69	522.69	829.76
<b>FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:</b>			
Property Taxes	100.00	104.00	104.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>1,113.21</b>	<b>2,588.91</b>	<b>2,204.30</b>
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	13,389.94	13,389.94	13,889.41
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$14,503.15</b>	<b>15,978.85</b>	<b>16,093.71</b>



# OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ensuing Year January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948

and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Approp. Previous Year 1947	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1947	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1948
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Office's' Salaries	1,000.00	758.40	1,000.00
Town Office's' Expenses	700.00	459.40	600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00	104.70	150.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	50.00	42.40	50.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:			
Police Department	15.00	7.00	15.00
Fire Department	90.00	904.53	300.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	200.00	200.00	200.00
HEALTH:			
Health Department	25.00		25.00
Vital Statistics	4.00	2.50	3.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:			
Town Maintenance: Summer	2,000.00	1,999.45	2,750.00
Winter	1,500.00	1,911.09	1,750.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,500.00	531.07	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	185.26	185.26	
Library	150.00	150.00	200.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:			
Town Poor	100.00		50.00
Old Age Assistance	175.00	206.65	250.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Cemeteries	30.00	30.00	30.00
UNCLASSIFIED:			
Damages and Legal Expenses	10.00	70.75	50.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	60.00	62.14	42.00
Bank Charges	1.88	3.31	3.30
INTEREST:			
On Temporary Loans	20.00	70.00	20.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:			
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	2,000.00		696.00
New Equipment			2,000.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:			
County Taxes	832.11	1,165.12	1,165.12
Payments to School District	3,745.50	3,745.50	3,744.28
Total Expenditures	\$14,543.75	12,609.27	16,093.71

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	\$ 181,530.00
Growing Wood and Timber	52,170.00
Electric Plants	193,480.00
Horses, 26	3,630.00
Oxen, 1	100.00
Cows, 28	3,220.00
Other Neat Stock, 1	150.00
Fowls, 144	180.00
Portable Mills	7,500.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	22,400.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	80.00
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Total Valuation	\$ 464,440.00
54 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	108.00
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Total Amount to be Committed to Collector	\$ 14,041.20
Tax Rate per \$100.	\$ 3.00
Soldiers' Exemptions	6,590.00
Number of inventories sent out	146
Number of inventories returned	65

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 CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, Floyd H. Colby  
 July 14, 1947                      Selectman of Groton, N. H.

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers Salaries	1 000.00	758.40	241.60	
Town Officers Expenses	700.00	459.40	240.60	
Election and Registration	150.00	104.70	43.30	
Expenses of Town Hall	50.00	43.40	7.60	
Damages and Legal Expenses	10.00	70.75		60.75
Police Department	15.00	7.00	8.00	
Fire Department	90.00	904.53		435.86
Blister Rust	200.00	200.00		
Health Department	25.00		25.00	
Vital Statistics	4.00	2.50	1.50	
Town Maintenance-Summer	2 000.00	1 999.45	.55	
Town Maintenance-Winter	1 500.00	1 911.09		161.69
General Expense Highway Department	1 500.00	531.07	968.93	
Town Road Aid	185.26	185.26		
Town Poor	100.00		100.00	
Old Age Assistance	175.00	206.65		31.65
Library	150.00	150.00		
Cemeteries	30.00	30.00		
Advertising and Regional Associations	60.00	62.14		2.14
Interest on Temporary Loans	20.00	70.00		50.00
State Aid Construction	2 000.00		2 000.00	
Bank Charges	1.88	3.31		1.43
County Taxes	832.11	1 165.12		333.01
Payments to School District	3 745.50	3 745.50		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$14 543.75</b>	<b>12 609.27</b>	<b>3 639.08</b>	<b>1 076.53</b>
Net Unexpended			2 562.55	

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

## AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers Salaries	\$1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00
Town Hall and Buildings	50.00
Police Department	15.00
Fire Department	90.00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	200.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	4.00
State Aid Construction	2,000.00
Town Road Aid	185.26
Town Maintenance	3,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,500.00
Library	150.00
Old Age Assistance	175.00
Town Poor	100.00
Cemeteries	30.00
Damages and Legal Expense	10.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	60.00
Interest	20.00
County Tax	1,165.12
School Tax	3,745.50
Bank Charges	1.88
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Total Town and School Appropriations	\$14,876.76

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**TOWN OF GROTON BALANCE SHEET****Town of Groton****Assets**

<b>Cash, In hands of Treasurer</b>	<b>\$2,891.76</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund:</b>	
For Construction of Kidder Bridge	2,050.12
<b>Accounts due to the Town:</b>	
Due from State Joint Highway	
Cons. Account, Unexpended bal. in State Treasury	156.84
Bounties	200.50
<b>Unredeemed Taxes:</b>	
Levy of 1946	290.97
Levy of 1945	127.77
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>	
Levy of 1947	1,383.90
Levy of 1946	9.60
Levy of 1945	8.05
Previous years	256.58
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$7,376.09</b>
Net Surplus, December 31, 1946	2,197.51
Net Surplus, Dedember 31, 1947	3,263.97
Increase of Surplus	\$1,066.46

**Town of Groton****Liabilities**

<b>Accounts Owed by the Town:</b>	
Not turned over to Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,000.00
Due to School District	
Dog licenses	62.00
Balance of Appropriation	2,062.00
<b>Capital Reserve Fund:</b>	
Capital Reserve	2,050.12
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,112.12</b>
Excess of asset over liabilities (Surplus)	3,263.97
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,376.09</b>

## Town of Groton

## Receipts

**Current Revenue:****From Local Taxes:**

Property taxes, current year	\$12,149.38
Poll taxes, current year	82.00
	<hr/> 12,231.38
Property taxes, previous years	906.00
Poll taxes, previous years	22.00
Interest received on taxes	48.17
Tax sales redeemed	89.11

**From State:**

Plowing roads	188.40
Interest and Dividend tax	55.19
Savings Bank tax	21.90
Reimbursement a-c State and Fed. forest lands	50.85
Fighting forest fires	378.67
Bounties	160.00
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**From Local Sources Except Taxes:**

Dog licenses	62.00
Rent of Town property	84.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1946 permits	.50
Registration of motor vehicles, 1947 per.	138.54
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**Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:**

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,500.00
Refund on Blister Rust	4.56
Sale of Town property	996.00

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	3,500.56
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Total Receipts From all Sources	\$17,937.27
Cash on hand January 1, 1947	1,022.69

Grand Total	\$18,959.96
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**Town of Groton****Payments****Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	\$758.40
Town officers' expenses	459.40
Election and registration expenses	104.70
Expenses town hall and other buildings	42.40

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police department, inc, care of tramps	7.00
Fire department, inc. forest fires	904.53
Moth extermination-Blister Rust	200.00
Bounties	200.50

**Health:**

Vital Statistics	2.50
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**Highways and Bridges:**

Town Road Aid	185.26
Town maintenance Summer	1,999.45
Winter	1,911.09
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	3,910.54
General expenses of highway department	531.07

**Library:**

Maintenance	150.00
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**Public Welfare:**

Old Age Assistance	206.65
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**Public Service Enterprises:**

Cemeteries	30.00
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**Unclassified:**

Damages and legal expenses	70.75
Advertising and Regional Associations	62.14
Taxes bought by town	258.43



<b>Interest:</b>	
On temporary loans	70.00
<b>Indebtedness:</b>	
Payment on temporary loan	3,000.00
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</b>	
Taxes paid to County	1,165.12
Payments to School District	3,745.50
Bank charges	3.31
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<b>Total Payments for all Purposes</b>	<b>\$16,068.20</b>
Cash on hand December 31, 1947	2,891.76
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$18,959.96</b>

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### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$1,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Library, Land and Building	1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	4,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	2,200.00
Equipment	600.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired thru	
Tax Collector's Deeds	46,128.65
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,428.665</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto Tax collected		\$	139.04
Dog tax collected	\$66.00		
Less Clerk's fees	4.00		
			<u>62.00</u>
		\$	201.04
Paid to Treasurer			210.04
No fires for the year 1947.			

Respecktfully submittid,

Heene A. Matthews, Town Clerk

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1947

## Debit

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$	13,933.20
Poll taxes		108.00
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Total Warrant	\$	14,041.20
Added taxes:		
Prpoerty taxes		81.90
Poll taxes		2.00
Interest		.32
		<u>          </u>
Total Debits	\$	14,125.42

**Credits**

## Remittances to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$ 12,149.38
Poll taxes	82.00
Interest	.32
Discount	297.62
Abatements	212.20

## Uncollected taxes

Property taxes	1,359.90
Poll taxes	24.00

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Total Credits	\$ 14,125.42
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**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1946****Debits**

## Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

Property taxes	\$ 927.60
Poll taxes	24.00
Interest	47.85

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Total Debits	\$ 999.45
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**Credits**

## Remittances to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$ 906.00
Poll taxes	22.00
Interest	47.85
Abatements	14.00

## Uncollected taxes:

Property	9.60
Total Credits	\$ 999.45

**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1945****Debits**

## Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

Property taxes	\$ 8.05
Poll taxes, regular at \$2.00	2.00
Poll taxes, special at \$3.00	3.00

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Total Credits	\$ 13.05
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## Credits

## Abatements:

Poll taxes, regular at \$2.00	\$	2.00
Poll taxes, special at \$3.00		3.00
Uncollected taxes:		
Property taxes	\$	8.05
Total Credits	\$	13.05

## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1944

## Debits

## Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

Property taxes	\$	18.48
Poll taxes, regular at \$2.00		2.00
Poll taxes, special at \$3.00		3.00
Total Debits	\$	23.48

## Credits

## Abatements:

Poll taxes, regular at \$2.00	\$	2.00
Poll taxes, special at \$3.00		3.00
Uncollected taxes		18.48
Total Credits	\$	23.48

## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1943

## Dedits

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1947	\$	70.60
Total Debits	\$	70.60

**Credits**

Abatements	\$	4.00
Uncollected taxes		66.60
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Total Credits	\$	70.60

**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1942****Debits**

Uncollected taxes, January 1, 1947	\$	46.35
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Total Debits	\$	46.35

**Credits**

Uncollected taxes	\$	46.35
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Total Credits	\$	46.35

**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1941****Debits**

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1947	\$	61.01
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Total Debits	\$	61.01

**Credits**

Uncollected taxes	\$	61.01
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Total Credits	\$	61.01

**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1940****Debits**

Uncollected taxes, January 1, 1947	\$	32.03
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Total Debits	\$	32.03

**Credits**

Uncollected taxes	\$	32.03
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Total Credits	\$	32.03

## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1939

## Debits

Uncollected taxes, January 1, 1947	\$	17.91
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Total Debits	\$	17.91
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## Credits

Uncollected taxes	\$	17.91
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Total Credits	\$	17.91
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## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1938

## Debits

Uncollected taxes, January 1, 1947	\$	14.20
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Total Debits	\$	14.20
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## Credits

Uncollected taxes	\$	14.20
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Total Credits	\$	14.20
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## Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1947

## Debits

	Tax Sale on Account of Levy of:		
	1946	1945	1944

Balance of Unredeemed	1946	1945	1944
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Taxes, January 1, 1947	\$ 324.93	183.82	141.02
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Interest collected after sale		2.42	10.45
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Redemption costs		.77	
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Total Debits	\$324.93	\$187.01	\$151.47
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## Credits

Remittances to Treasurer		26.37	62.74
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Abatements			
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Deeds	33.96	32.87	88.73
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Unredeemed taxes	290.97	127.77	
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	\$324.93	\$187.01	151.47
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ANNIE M. ESTY, Collector of Taxes.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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 Receipts

Annie M. Esty, Collector, Property and polls	\$ 12,916.98
Annie M. Esty, Collector, Taxes redeemed	89.11
Annie M. Esty, Collector, Interest	32.14
Annie M. Esty, Collector, Taxes bought by Town	242.40
Annie M. Esty, Collector, Interest	16.03
Agnes A. Lane, Loans	1,500.00
Trust Funds, Loans	1,000.00
State of N. H., Reimbursement on State owned land	50.85
State of N. H., Bounties	160.00
State of N. H., State share of forest fires	378.07
State of N. H., Plowing roads	188.40
State of N. H., Refund on Blister Rust	4.65
Savings Bank tax	21.90
Interest and Dividends tax	55.19
Rene Latulippe, Sale of Land	350.00
Ashley Mining Corp., plowing mine roads	61.00
Carl Bowles, Rent of Sargent Place	23.00
Frank Matthews, Cordwood stumpage	20.00
Lucien Parris, Bal. & Interest on Merritt & Pollard Pl.	451.00
Alcott Elwell, Sale of land	150.00
Edgar Albert, Sale of buildings	25.00
Town Clerk, Auto Permit fees	139.04
Town Clerk, Dog tax	62.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 17,937.27
Balance in treasury, January 1, 1947	1,022.69
Total	18,959.96
Less Selectmens' orders paid	16,068.20
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Balance	\$ 2,891.76

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE MATTHEWS, Treasurer



## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1947	\$ 1,022.69
Annie M. Esty: Current year property taxes	12,149.38
1946 property taxes	663.60
Current year poll taxes	82.00
1946 Poll Taxes	22.00
Interest on 1946 taxes	47.85
Interest on 1947 taxes	.32
Taxes redeemed	89.11
Agnes A. Lane, Loans	1,500.00
State of N. H., Reimbursement on State lands for 1946	19.61
Reimbursement on State lands for 1947	31.24
Bounties	160.00
Reimbursement for forest fire	378.67
Plowing roads	188.40
Savings Bank tax	21.90
Interest and Dividends tax	55.16
Refund on Blister Rust	4.56
Town Clerk, Auto permit fees	139.04
Rene Latulippe, Sale of land	350.00
Carl M. Bowles, Rent of Sargent Place	23.00
Ashley Mining Corp., Plowing roads	61.00
Trustees of Trust Funds, Loan	1,000.00
Town Clerk, Dog tax	62.00
Frank Matthews, Cordwood stumpage	20.00
Lucien Parris, Balance on Merritt and Pollard Places	451.00
Alcott F. Elwell, Sale of land	150.00
Edgar Albert, Sale of Buildings	25.00
Annie M. Esty, Taxes bought by Town	242.40
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 18,959.96</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

## General Government

## Town Officers Salaries:

Violet Parris, Auditor	\$	19.60
Flora Matthews, Auditor		19.60
Floyd Colby, Selectman		203.00
Samuel E. Lane, Selectman		187.20
Charles F. Place, Selectman		84.00
Lucien M. Parris, Selectman		15.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector		95.00
Thomas Newton, Overseer of Poor		25.00
Ileene A. Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer		110.00
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	\$	758.40

## Town Officers' Expenses:

Violet Parris, Auditor	\$	8.00
Floyd Colby, Selectman		54.95
Samuel E. Lane, Selectman		64.85
Charles F. Place, Selectman		1.10
Lucien M. Parris, Selectman		4.00
Ass'n. of N. H. Assessors, Dues		2.00
The U. S. Auto & Truck Guide		4.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector		58.41
Musgrove Printing House, Inventory notice		1.00
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., Supplies		49.78
F. J. Shores, Register, Transfers,		
Recording Tax Sale, Deeds, etc.		27.79
Ileene A. Matthews, Clerk & Treasurer		48.22
Sargent Bros., Tax Bills		3.30
John C. Ray, Town Officers Bonds		42.50
The Colby Press, Town Reports		85.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Ass'n., Dues		2.00
Charles R. Hardy, Clerk's Dues		2.00
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	\$	459.40

**Election and Registration:**

Ernest E. Matthews, Supervisor	\$	23.60
Edythe M. Newton, Supervisor		23.60
Lillian E. Colby, Supervisor		23.60
Annie M. Esty, Ballot Clerk		3.50
Mildred Colby, Ballot Clerk		3.50
Agnes A. Lane, Moderator		4.90
Musgrove Printing House, Checklists		22.00
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	\$	104.70

**Miscellaneous Bills:**

State of N. H., Old Age Assistance	\$	206.65
Bartlett & Swett Auto Service, Repairs on Truck		457.59
Casellini-Venable Corp., Tractor Parts		14.18
Samuel E. Lane, Labor and Exp. on Robie Case		52.25
Floyd Colby, Stove Pipe, Wire Labor on Town House		8.40
Samuel E. Lane, Bounties		71.00
Walter Stevens, Bounties		45.00
Floyd Colby, Bounties		14.50
Charles F. Place, Bounties		47.50
Flora Matthews, Library Treasurer		150.00
John C. Ray, Insurance on Truck		59.30
Thomas Newton, Expense on Robie Case		18.50
Agne A. Lane, Interest on Temporary Loan		50.00
N. H. Electric Co-Op.Inc., Light in Town Hall		18.00
Thomas Newton, Fire Warden		23.00
Thomas Newton, Police		7.00
Floyd Colby, Mowing Town House Yard & Cemetery		36.00
John H. Foster, Blister Rust Appro.		200.00
Annie M. Esty, Taxes Bought by Town		258.43
State Highway Dept., T. R. A.		185.26
Agnes A. Lane, Payment of Temporary Loans		2,000.00
Groton School Dist.,		3,745.50
Harry S. Huckins, County Tax		1,165.12
Thomas Newton, Janitor		10.00

Trustees of Trust Funds, Payment of Temp. Loan	1,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds, Int. on Temporary Loan	20.00
Lucien M. Parris, Bounties	22.50
Ileene A. Matthews, Vital Statistics	2.50
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Ass'n.	62.14
Bank Charge to Balance Account	3.31
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	\$ 9,953.63

### Forest Fire Bills:

Thomas Newton, Labor & Car	\$ 75.60
Floyd Colby, " "	73.50
Samuel E. Lane, " "	76.40
Ernest E. Matthews, Labor	38.50
Lucien M. Parris, Labor and Truck	19.00
Frank E. Matthews, Labor	22.00
Edmund Houle, Labor	10.00
James Parris, Labor	16.00
Lewis Albert, Labor	10.00
Orville Matthews, Labor	10.00
James White, Labor	22.00
Perley Matthews, Labor and Truck	33.00
James Albert, Labor	22.00
Walter Stevens, Labor	1.00
Danald Champney, Labor	22.00
Edgar Albert, Labor	14.50
Harold Watts, Labor	10.00
August Parris, Labor	16.00
Peter Lavoie, Labor	16.00
James Connors, Labor	16.00
Carroll Matthews, Labor	16.00
Vernon Matthews, Labor	10.00
Norris Smith, Labor	10.00
William Smith, Labor	10.00
Ernest Robie, Labor & Truck	29.00
Charles Place, Labor	12.00

Edgar McLellan, Labor		3.00
Richard Desmond, Labor		3.00
Flora Matthews, Labor	unches	16.38
Town of Rumney, Labor Bill		80.65
Town of Hebron, Labor Bill		168.00
Total		\$ 881.53

### ROAD AGENTS' REPORTS

#### South End Road - Supervision of Perley D. Matthews

P. D. Matthews, Labor	\$	155.00
P. D. Matthews, Truck		223.50
P. D. Matthews, Team		34.30
P. D. Matthews, Plank		35.00
Harold Hamblett, Labor		43.20
F. H. Colby, Labor		205.80
Sarah Dunkerton, Gravel		1.50
E. E. Matthews, Labor		73.70
C. F. Place, Gas		8.44
Cavis Bros., Tools		6.35
Frank E. Matthews, Labor		105.70
Walter Merrill, Sand		6.80
Miller Bestick, Gas		8.37
Vernon Matthews, Labor		55.35
O. G. Matthews, Labor		5.60
O. G. Matthews, Horse		1.40
Joan Place, Labor		5.60
Frank Matthews Jr., Labor		5.25
Hubert Butterfield, Labor		19.60
Collector of Internal Revenue, Withholding tax		3.10
Total	\$	1,003.56

# North End Road - Supervision of Charles H. Tarr

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C. H. Tarr, Labor	\$	336.30
C. H. Tarr, Team		148.40
C. H. Tarr, Truck		70.00
Ernest Carter Labor		8.80
Ernest Carter, Truck		11.00
Fred Goss, Labor		6.40
Lucien M. Parris, Labor		16.80
Lucien M. Parris, Team		11.20
Lucien M. Parris, Truck		41.40
Fred Landon, Labor		59.50
Walter Merrill, Dynamite		22.25
Albert Raynor, Labor		11.20
William Allen, Labor		92.70
James Parris, Labor		69.90
Carl Bowles, Labor		11.90
Carl Bowles, Team		3.50
Lawrence Bowles, Labor		11.20
Paul Latulippe, Labor		12.30
Ed. Vinton, Labor		29.20
Norris Smith, Labor		4.20
Foster Bros., Tools		4.14
Collector of Internal Revenue, Withholding tax		13.60
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Total	\$	995.89

# Snow Removal-Supervision of Ernest E. Matthews

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E. E. Matthews, Labor	\$	796.40
E. E. Matthews, Money paid out		14.26
F. H. Colby, Labor		601.17
F. H. Colby, Car and paid for fuel pump		9.30
C. F. Place, Gas and oil		288.96
C. F. Place, Labor		1.60
C. F. Place, Car to Bristol		2.00
C. G. Matthews, Labor		3.20
F. E. Matthews, Labor		5.60
Vernon Matthews, Labor		11.20
Norris Smith, Labor		6.30
Norris Smith, Truck		3.50
Walter Merrill, Sand		15.00
William Allen, Labor		1.40
Walter Hobart, Labor		17.50
Lawrence Bowles, Glass		1.00
Carl Bowles, Labor and Truck		3.40
P. D. Matthews, Labor		8.00
P. D. Matthews, Truck		8.00
Fred White, Trip to Bristol		3.00
S. E. Lane, Chain hooks		3.00
Town of Rumney, Plowing road		22.00
Maurice Paquette, Plowing road		63.00
Collector of Internal Revenue, Withholding tax		22.30
Total	\$	1,911.00

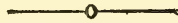


# REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1947.

TRUST FUNDS DATE OF CREATION		PURPOSE OF CREATION		HOW INVESTED		AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL		Balance of Income on hand at beginning of Year		Income Expended During Year		Balance of Income on hand at end of Year	
		All trust funds should be reported separately giving name of fund and donor		State character and rate of return for each investment State also if funds were borrowed or used for city or town purposes and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 51, Section 23. Revised Laws		Rate of Interest		at beginning of Year		During Year		During Year	
George W Hall Fund		George W Hall		Deposited in the Plymouth Savings Bank.		\$ 26.00		2 %		\$ 26.60		1.04	
Care of Hall Lot in Union Cemetery				U. S. Savings Bond F Series		74.00							
Cyrus Blood Fund		Cyrus Blood		Deposited in the Plymouth Savings Bank.		\$ 13.00		2 %		9.60		.44	
Care of Cyrus Blood Lot in Rolfe Hill Cemetery				U. S. Savings Bond F Series		37.00							
Town of Groton Fund for post war project.				Deposited in the Plymouth Savings Bank.		\$ 2000.00		2 %		6.67		43.45	
Totals						\$ 2,150.00		\$ 42.87		\$ 44.93		3.00	
												\$ 84.80	

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
 FLOYD H COLEBY, AGNES A. LANE, Trustees December 31, 1947. Examined and found correct. FLORA MATTHEWS, VIOLET PARRIS, Auditors

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT



## Resources

Books owned Jan. 1, 1947	1,776
Books added during the year	28
Magazines received	8
State Reports, etc.	7
Bookmobile	200

## Service

Volumns of fiction lent	331
Volumns of non-fiction lent	84
Volumns of juvenile fiction lent	506

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Total Circulation	921
New Borrowers	9
Regular Borrowers	10
School Children Borrowers	12

## Librarian's Cash Statment

Amount of hand Jan.1, 1947	\$	5.61
Received from Treasurer		15.00
Gaylord refund		5.20
M. F. Warner, Gift		5.00
Received from fines		2.12
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		32.93

## Expenses

Paid Gaylord for book supports	10.00
Books and Magazines	12.36
Checks and postage	.23
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Total	\$ 22.59
Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1948	10.34

AGNES A. LANE, Librarian.

## LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, Jan.1, 1947	\$	.53
Received from Selectmen		150.00
Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Rent of Annex		5.00
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Total Receipts	\$	155.53

## Payments

April 7	Personal Book Shop Inc., Books	\$	9.17
April 12	Dennis Matthews Janitor		4.00
May 31	Flora Matthews, Broom, Bulbs and labor		3.86
June 2	Lena Matthews, Cleaning		2.60
June 25	Agres Lane, Books		15.00
June 25	Floyd Colby, Labor and shingles		4.20
July 12	N. H. Electirc Co-Op. Inc., lights		18.00
Sept. 9	Flora Matthews, Lock, catch, sign and labor		5.00
Oct. 9	Farm Bureau, Insurance		9.25
Nov. 3	Agnes A. Lane, Salary		41.00
Dec. 20	Floyd Colby, Fixing light and putting in wood		3.60
Dec. 20	Two check books,		2.00
Dec. 31	Agnes A. Lane, Balance of salary		6.00
Dec. 31	Salary, Postage and splitting wood		3.56
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Total Payments		\$	127.24
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1948			28.29
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		\$	155.53

FLORA MATTHEWS, Treasurer

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify thar we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial reocords of the Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Trust Funds and Library of the Town of Groton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947, and find them correct in all repsects.

FLORA MATTHEWS,  
VIOLET G. PARRIS, Auditors

Annual Report  
of the  
School Board  
of  
Groton School District  
for  
Fiscal Year  
July 1, 1946 - June 30, 1947

## GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### District Officers

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Mrs. Agnes A. Lane	Moderator
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews	Treasurer
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews	Clerk
Mrs. Flora Matthews	Auditor

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### School Board

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Mrs. Yvonne Stevens	Term expires 1950
Mrs. Annie Esty	Term expires 1948
Mrs. Violet Parris	Term expires 1949

### Teacher

Mrs. Ida G. Surrine	Groton
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### Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

### School Nurse

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

of

School Treasurer

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

## Summary:

Cash on hand June 30, 1946	\$ 269.97
Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	3,397.76
From Selectmen, Dog tax	40.60
Received from all other sources	1.90
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Total Receipts	3,710.23
Less School Board orders paid	3,472.31
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Balance on hand June 30, 1947	237.92

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

District Treasurer

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 Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Groton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

FLORA MATTHEWS.,

Auditor.

## SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

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## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Whom	Source	Amount
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	\$	269.97
Received from Selectmen		3,397.76
Dog tax		40.60
From all other sources		1.90
Total Receipts		3,710.23

## School Board's Certificate.

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ANNIE M. ESTY,  
VIOLET PARRIS,  
YVONNE STEVENS,

School Board.



## Detailed Statement of Expenditures

1946-1947

## Salaries of District Officers :

Violet Parris, School Board, salary	\$	20.00
Yvonne Stevens, School board, salary		45.00
Annie Esty, School board, salary and census		25.00
Flora Matthews, auditor		2.80
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and treasurer		20.00
Agnes Lane, Moderator		1.40
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		114.20

## Superintendent's Salary:

Annie L. Remick, Treas. Supervisory Union No. 4	88.77
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## Expenses of Administration:

Yvonne Stevens, postage and expenses	4.80
John C. Ray, Treasurer's bond	5.00
The Record Print, notices	4.80
Annie L. Remick, Treas, clerk exp.	44.96
Musgrove Printing House, notices, etc.	7.30
Edward C. Babb Company, supplies	1.70
Granville P. Wheeler, flowers for graduation	7.50
Estelle Greenwood, Treas, Sup't., Retirement	5.63
A. H. Rice Co., supplies	1.00
First National Bank, Bristol, service charge	1.75
Violet Parris, Trip to Concord and exp.	10.41
Annie Esty, Convention exp.	1.30
Agnes Lane, Moderator expense	.25
Ileene Matthews, Clerk, postage	.24
Flora Braley, taking Board members to Danbury mtg.	3.00
N. H. School Board's Association, dues	3.00
Clover Farm Store, graduation expense	1.67

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**Teacher's Salary:**

Ida Surrine	1,102.00
Collector of Internal Revenue	50.00
Teachers' Retirement	48.00
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	1,200.00

**Text Books:**

Laidlaw Brothers	2.98
Row, Peterson & Company	1.50
Macmillan Company	6.97
Scott, Foresman & Company	1.45
MacCormick-Mathers Publishing Company	.48
Iroquois Publishing Company	1.84
Edward E. Babb Company	1.36
World Book Company	1.92
American Book Company	2 13
Beckley-Cardy Company	8.88
Webster Publishing Company	.52
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	30.03

**Scholars' Supplies:**

Edward E. Babb Company	9.56
World Book Company	.52
A. J. Nystrom Company	15.22
A. N. Palmer Company	1.33
Holden Patent Book Cover Company	.84
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	27.47

**Other Expenses of Instruction:**

J. L. Hammett Company	1.11
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**Janitor Service:**

Ernest Matthews Jr.	45.00
Ida Surrine	7.50
Eugene Place	22.50
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	75.00

**Fuel:**

Ernest Matthews, Jr., Sawing wood	7.50
Orville Matthews, wood	75.00
Raymond Patterson, slabs	11.00
Ida Sirrine, putting in 5 cord wood	7.50
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	101.00

**Water, Light and Janitor's Supplies:**

White River Paper Co, supplies	23.46
John B. Varick Co., Aerosol bomb	2.95
H. J. Follansbee Company, rope	.54
Ida Sirrine, supplies	2.16
George Greenwood & Son, labor on furnace	5.25
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	34.36

**Minor Repairs and Expenses:**

Harold D. Watts, painting school	165.63
Geo. D. Greenwood Sons, repairs and chemical toilets	128.24
E. E. Matthews, cleaning chinmey	1.40
N. H. Electric Cooperative Inc.	18.00
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	313.27

**Medical Inspection:**

Anna Lovett, R. N., salary	52.10
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**Transportation of Pupils:**

Fred White	900.00
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**High School Tuition:**

Plymouth School District	102.39
Bristol School District	115.00
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	217.39

**Elementary School Tuition:**

Dorchester School District	37.00
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**Per Capita Tax:**

F. Gordon Kimball, State Treasurer	38.00
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**Insurance and Other Fixed Charges:**

Teachers' Retirement Board	48.00
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John C. Ray, Insurance	73.50
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\$	121.50
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**New Equipment:**

Plymouth Fire Equipment Co., Extinguisher	16.80
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Total Expenses	\$ 3,472.31
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ANNIE M. ESTY,

VIOLET PARRIS,

YVONNE STEVENS,

School Board of Groton

**Auditor's Certificate**

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Groton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FLORA MATTHEWS,  
Auditor

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Grade	Enrollment by Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1946-47	1	2	0	2	3	2	0	3	13
1947-48	2	1	2	0	2	2	1	2	12

## District Totals

	Average Att.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Att.
1946-47	11.63	.74	12.37	94.02
1947-48	11.00	1.	12.	91.67

**Teachers:** Elementary women 1; 3 year college graduate 1; holding certificate 1 School nurse 1 part time.  
Clerk 1 part time

**Visits:** By Superintendent 20, by School nurse 8, by Members of School Board 0, by citizens 0; School Board meetings 10; days in session 175.

## Tuition Pupils

Dorchester	Brian Parris	Grade 7	Rate \$ 37.00
Plymouth	Jenny Latulippe	Grade 9	121.17
Plymouth	Anita Latulippe	Grade 12	121.17
Bristol	Carroll Matthews	Grade 11	120.00

## Groton School Calendar 1948-1949

Term Opens	Term Closes
Sept 7, 1948	December 17, 1948
December 29, 1948	February 18, 1949
Februaury 28, 1949	April 15, 1949
April 25, 1949	June 16, 1949

**Days out:** Plymouth Fair, November 11, November 25-26,  
May 30, 1 day for State Teachers' Convention.

Pupils may enter the first grade provided they are 6 before  
January 1, Vaccination is required by state law unless  
child has a written excuse from doctor.

## COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

	1946-47 Budget	1946-47 Money Pd.	1947-48 Budget	1948-49 Budget
Salaries of District Officers	105.00	109.20	145.00	125.00
Superintendent's Salary	119.60	88.77	90.00	120.00
Truant Officer and School Census	10.00	5.00	10.00	10.00
Expenses of Administration	130.06	104.31	130.00	130.00
Teacher's Salary	1 200.00	1 200.00	1 800.00	1 800.00
Text Books	25.00	30.03	40.00	40.00
Scholars' Supplies	35.00	27.47	35.00	35.00
Flags	6.00			
Other Expenses of Instruction	15.00	1.11	20.00	20.00
Janitor Service	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Fuel	120.00	101.00	100.00	105.00
Water Light and Janitor's Supplies	57.00	34.36	60.00	60.00
Minor Repairs and expenses	140.00	313.27	25.00	25.00
Medical Supervision	52.10	52.10	60.00	60.00
Transportation of Pupils	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
High School Tuition	320.00	217.30	575.00	260.00
Elementary Tuition	45.00	37.00		
Other Special Activities	5.00		10.00	5.00
Per Capita Tax	38.00	38.00	34.00	32.00
Insurance and Other Charges		121.50	54.00	98.40
New Equipment		16.80	10.00	5.00
TOTALS	\$3 397.76	3 472.31	4 173.00	3 977.45

## GROTON SCHOOL

## BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1948.

## Detailed Statement of Expenditures

## Support of Schools:

Teacher's Salary	\$1,800.00
Text Books	40.00
Scholars' Supplies	35.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	20.00
Janitor Service	75.00
Fuel	105.00
Water, Light and Janitor's Supplies	60.00
Minor Repairs and Expenses	25.00
Health Supervision	60.00
Transportation of Pupils	900.00
Payment of Elementary Tuition	72.00
Other Special Activities	5.00
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	\$3,197.00

## Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	\$125.00
Truant Officer and School Census	10.00
Payment of Tuition in High Schools	260.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	120.00
Per Capita Tax	32.00
Other Obligations of the District	233.45
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	\$780.45

Total Amount Required to Meet  
School Board's Budget

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\$3,977.28



## ESTIMATED INCOME OF GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Estimated Income of Groton School District 1948-1949

State Aid, December 1948 Allotment	\$193.17
Estimated Dog Tax	40.00

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Total Estimated Income of District	\$233.17
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### Assessment Required to Balance

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School Board's Budget	3,744.28
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Groton, New Hampshire.  
January 27, 1948

ANNIE ESTY

VIOLET PARRIS

YVONNE STEVENS

School Board

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## CERTIFICATE

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ANNIE M. ESTY

VIOLET PARRIS

YVONNE STEVENS

School Board

## VITAL STATISTICS



## Marriages



In Hebron, N. H., June 1, 1947, by Rev. R. Barclay Simmons, Norris W. Smith of Groton, N. H., son of Wellman I. and Myrtle (Stevens) Smith of Groton, N. H., and Beatrice L. Matthews of Groton, N. H., daughter of Ernest E. and Ellen (Woodward) Matthews of Groton, N. H.

In Derry, N. H., June 10, 1947, by Walter A. Pillsbury, Harold R. Hamblett of Hebron, N. H., son of Charles H. Hamblett of Hebron, N. H., and Mildred E. Colby of Groton, N. H., daughter of Flora (Magoon) Matthews, of Groton, N. H.

In Plymouth, N. H., August 9, 1947, by Rev. Adrian Verrette, Rene N. Latulippe, of Groton, N. H., son of Rene O. and Adrienne (Velleiux) Latulippe of Groton, N. H., and Dorothy Huckins of Wentworth, N. H., daughter of Harvey and Marjorie (Smith) Huckins of Wentworth, N. H.

Births

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In Lebanon, N. H., January 16, 1947, a daughter, Nancy Lynn, to Charles H. and Theresa G. Tarr, of Groton, N. H.

In Plymouth, N. H., March 5, 1947, a daughter Pauline Merle, to Frederick W. and Gloria P. Landon, of Groton, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above records are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

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The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops, lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fire might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagrations we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and to all who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient properly to equip the available manpower in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one half their cost. Good equipment is important and can greatly help to keep both damage and fire cost at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the traveling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

George F. Richardson Jr., District Chief.

Thomas Newton, Groton Forest Fire Warden

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**Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:**

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$54.93
Savings Bank Tax	19.96
Reimbursement a-c State, Fed land	18.79
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	94.92
Rent of Town Property	75.00
Interest on Taxes	40.00
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	150.00
Cash Surplus	522.69
Total Revenues and Credits	<hr/> 976.29
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Plus overlay	140.73
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$14 041.20
Less Poll Taxes at \$2.00	108.00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is figured	\$13,933.20
<b>Town Tax Rate . . . . . \$ 3.00</b>	

**Taxes to be committed to Collector:**

Property taxes	13,933.20
Poll taxes at \$2.00	108.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed	\$14,041.20



